

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Mike Koss Jacqueline Cox Lynda Gonzalez Eric Scott
Betty Gosney Gregory Ware

Council Member Absent

Adrian McDaniel

Minutes

Council Member Lynda Gonzales motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member Mike Koss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

New Business

Unpermitted Commercial Truck Parking – Code Enforcement

Arnie Guillermo, Code Enforcement Supervisor

Susana Cobian, Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Guillermo gave a brief presentation on the commercial truck parking issues in the Bloomington Area. He indicated that Code Enforcement works closely with County Counsel to address the legal issues related to unpermitted parking. Code Officer Cobian outlined some of the basics related to parking commercial vehicles on residential property. The County Development Code requires a minimum of one acre parcel in order to permit the parking of a tractor/trailer in a residentially zoned area. The vehicle must also be registered to the property owner. Ms. Cobian also clarified that Code Enforcement does not have jurisdiction over vehicles parked on the street. To report inoperative vehicles or illegally parked vehicles on the street residents should contact California Highway Patrol.

Ms. Cobian also noted that they are working to address the unpermitted truck parking facilities in Bloomington. Facilities must be within the proper zoning and obtain permits from Land Use Services in order to legally operate within the county.

Next, Ms. Cobian reported that there is a problem with foreclosed homes and graffiti. Residents should call if they notice graffiti on unoccupied homes. The County has a graffiti abatement program within the unincorporated areas of the 5th District. The graffiti hotline is 877-44-ABATE.

Code Enforcement encourages residents to call regarding violations in Bloomington. The number is 1-800-722-3181.

Vice Chair Gregory Ware asked Susana Cobian to get back with him about two questions he had 1. If a property owner needs to get to his home and there is a sign prohibiting commercial vehicles, does he have the right to drive down the street to get to his driveway? 2. If a resident has or 3 tow trucks and he parks them on the street is there anything he can do to make it legal. He also said that if anyone has any ideas as to how to address the trucking problem that they need to be proactive.

Field Representative, Dan Flores, reported that he is working with County Public Works to generate a comprehensive plan to identify appropriate “no commercial vehicle” routes in Bloomington. County Public Works has proposed an initial phase of no parking routes in high density residential neighborhoods. Future phases of no parking routes will be identified in cooperation with Public Works and CHP with feedback from the MAC.

Staff Reports

California Highway Patrol – Officer Joe Ramos and Officer Omar Hernandez

Officer Ramos stated that there is a problem with traffic, trucking, and pedestrians on Cedar and they are having more units out there investigating and issuing citations not only to trucks but to any vehicle that is in violation of any law or code. He introduced Officer Omar Hernandez from the CHP’s Commercial Unit.

Officer Hernandez stated that there are signs in Bloomington that indicate vehicles over 5 tons are not allowed. While there may trucks parked at unpermitted facilities, they can only cite vehicles that are traveling on restricted roads.

To report traffic violations or concerns please contact the CHP at 909-383-4247. For commercial inquiries residents may call CHP’s Commercial Unit at 909-806-2400.

Field Representative – Dan Flores

Mr. Flores reported that the small recycling facility located on Valley Blvd. did receive a Special Use Permit issued by County Code Enforcement. The facility is classified as a small collection facility and as such they are restricted to operate within an area of 500 square feet or less. The permit is a revocable permit issued by Code Enforcement and it must be renewed every year. Code Enforcement will monitor the site to ensure it is in compliance with their permit.

Mr. Flores reported on behalf of Tim Millington that the Ayala Park parking lot lights were repaired. One light was shifted to shine light on the Veteran’s Monument. Special Districts is moving forward with a project to improve ADA accessibility within Ayala Park.

Sheriff’s Dept. – Capt. Mike Mascetti

Captain Mascetti introduced Deputy Rosales who gave a report on graffiti. He reported that they have ways of tracking graffiti by the offender’s moniker. They are working together with Code Enforcement, Probation and other agencies to tackle the problem. Dan Flores reported that there is currently a graffiti abatement program for the unincorporated area of the 5th district. If you see it in an area that is not high traffic, call the Sheriff’s office or the WETIP hotline at 1-800-782-7463.

Old Business

None.

Items for Upcoming Meetings

Council Member Lynda Gonzalez asked for Rialto to give updates on the closure of Riverside Ave. Dan Flores said he would provide the update and that he would like to bring a presentation on the Rialto Commerce Center at El Rivino and he would like to have SANBAG at a future MAC meeting. Vice-Chair Gregory Ware asked if more information could be provided about the Alameda Corridor and how it will impact Bloomington in the next 3-5 years.

Member Reports

Vice-Chair Gregory Ware said that there is an article on MAC Member Eric Scott. He said it is an honor to have him as part of the community. He said he hopes that by next meeting members of the community can get together and volunteer what ever time they have available to the county agencies that provide services to the residents.

Council Member Jacqueline Cox reported that she attended a breakfast with the Mayor of Rialto in which they discussed the Riverside Ave./I-10 improvement project. She said the entire project has a 20 month time completion and it should begin at the end of this summer. Dan Flores clarified that SANBAG is estimating the closure of the bridge will take approximately 9 months.

Council Member Lynda Gonzalez said that she would like to acknowledge the Bloomington Boosters for the Christmas Parade as she will ill last month and did not attend the MAC meeting. She said she is honored to have them in the community. She stated that every year more and more people go out the parade. She also said they gave a great steak dinner. Finally she encouraged the residents to spend their money at the local businesses.

Public Comments

Dave Jayne, San Bernardino Valley Riders

Mr. Jayne said that more people are needed and there will be a horse show at Kessler Park on February 28th. He also wanted to tell everyone to mark their calendars for October 10th for the handicap event. He also told Dan Flores that he is doing a great job and that they still have not got their check.

Ron Nuckles

Mr. Nuckles stated that his prospective tenants that are proposing to bring a recycling business is a good thing. Businesses provide goods and services and they were trying to go about this in a legal manner. He said they did not submit the application because the want to see if they have the support of the MAC and Supervisor Gonzales' office. Instead the building sits empty,-attracting crime and vandalism.

Eric Davenport

Mr. Davenport demonstrated how to water proof matches in case of a disaster. He brought a backpack stove and boiled some water and melted wax. He said to cover the whole match with the wax. He said that flames are for heat and coals are for cooking. He said that you can cook an egg inside of an orange peel and it gives it a good flavor. Another thing he recommended was to take an onion skin and put some ground beef in it. Lastly he said that if you roll up a newspaper and soak it in water and then let it dry for several months. It will light up a fire very quickly. He said steel wool is also good.

Vice-Chair Gregory Ware said that if anyone has any issue that would like to be addressed at the MAC meeting or would like to get on the agenda to contact the office of Supervisor Gonzales.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by Aurora Hernandez, MAC Secretary: (909) 387-3064